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In Re The Application of:)
Samuel H. Duncan)

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
PROVIDING FORWARD)
PROGRESS AND AVOIDING)
STARVATION AND LIVE-)
LOCK IN A MULTIPROCES-)
SOR COMPUTER SYSTEM)

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RESPONSE

In response to the (improperly issued) final Office action mailed May 18, 2004,

Applicant submits the following remarks for consideration by the Examiner.

Although no claim amendments are being presented in this Response, a listing of the claims as currently pending, which begins on page 3 of this paper, is being provided for the Examiner's convenience.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.